HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 579 By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Loren Brown, 2005 Salutatorian of Dickson County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Loren Brown is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2005 graduating class at Dickson County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Brown has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Loren Brown has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to distinguishing herself as a stellar scholar, Miss Brown has rendered astute leadership as Beta Club President and she has served as an officer with the History Club, Latin Club, and Forensics; and

WHEREAS, renowned for her affinity for hard work and her tremendous self-discipline, Loren has been voted "Most Likely To Succeed" by her senior classmates; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades during her high school career, including her receipt of a departmental award in English, a National Merit Letter of Commendation, and her selection to the National Honor Roll and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, a gifted and inspirational public speaker, Loren has been a Business Professionals of America National Qualifier in Prepared Speech and a Forensics National Qualifier in Original Oratory and has been crowned Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest State Champion; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, she is a member of the Math Team, Business Professionals of America, FTA, and the Drama Club; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, Miss Brown volunteers her time and considerable talents to the Tennessee Children's Home, Potter's Children's Home, and the Cancer Auction and supports several other worthy charitable and civic causes; she has also served as a counselor at the Speech and Drama Day Camp and has participated in numerous mission trips; and

WHEREAS, she expresses her faith by attending Bon Aqua Church of Christ and Walnut St. Church of Christ, and is an active member of the latter church's youth group; and

WHEREAS, Miss Brown's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college this fall and throughout life; she plans to attend Freed-Hardeman University and major in English with an eye toward eventually becoming a high school teacher; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Larry Brown and Jo Anne Brown, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Loren Brown's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that Loren Brown, 2005 Dickson County High School Salutatorian, is hereby honored and commended on her impressive academic achievement. We extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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